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SUBJ: REGIONAL RESOURCES OFFICER'S (RRO) TRIP TO PACIFIC
ISLANDS

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 5762, (B) 76 SUVA 1242, (C) SUVA 1546,
(D) CANBERRA 8714

1. PER REF A, PURPOSE OF VISIT OF RRO DR. TERRY V. MCINTYRE, FSRU-3, TO PACIFIC ISLANDS IS TO VISIT GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL MINING AND/OR MINERAL EXPLORATION VENTURES AND GOVERNMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN MINERALS AND ENERGY SECTOR. FACT THAT ISLAND COUNTRY DOES NOT HAVE ACTIVE MINING OR MINERAL EXPLORATION VENTURES, DOES NOT PRECLUDE THEIR INTEREST IN THIS AREA. THERE IS SOMEONE IN GOVERNMENTS OF WESTERN SAMOA AND TONGA THAT PAYS ATTENTION TO MINERALS SECTOR, WHATEVER THE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR USGA AND THESE ISLANDS TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS BETWEEN RESPECTIVE MINERALS AND ENERGY AGENCIES TO PROMOTE INFORMATION INTERCHANGE AND GOODWILL. RRO HAS ALREADY HAD OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO TONGAN GEOLOGIST WHO WAS TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA AND HAS SINCE RETURNED TO TONGA.

2. MORE SPECIFICALLY, SUVA'S REF B, SUGGESTED THAT RRO VISIT TONGA TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF WEBB TONGA, SUBSIDIARY OF WEBB
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RESOURCES OF US. OBJECTIVES FOR WESTERN SAMOAN VISIT ARE
PER PARA ONE.

3. IN VIEW OF SUVA CONCERN (REF C), FOR RRO'S VISIT TO NEW CALEDONIA AND NEW HEBRIDES, FRENCH EMBASSY CANBERRA HAS REAFFIRMED THAT THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RRO VISITING MINING SITES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

4. RRO WILL TAKE NO FURHTER ACTION UNTIL TRIP (REF D)
APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT AND WELLINGTON. SUVA HAS APPROVED
VISIT (REF C).
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